

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
SOUTH EAST AREA**

Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting held on 8th November 2007

(subject to approval at the next AGM in 2008)

Present:

Bob Cutter, Chairman, (Felbridge Flyers RMFC); Keith Miller, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Council Delegate and Education Co-ordinator (Tonbridge RF); Ian Menage, Secretary, (Bromley Soaring Club); Bob Hart, Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (Wealden MAC and Hastings MFC); Michael Riggs, (MFFG); Rick Stevens (Hastings MFC Ltd); Richard Ware (Skylark MFC); S.A. Ware (Skylark MFC); Terry Bradley (Surrey RCC); John Phillips (ESSA); Julian Perrott (ESSA) and Stuart Taylor (Country Member)

1. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and commented on the successful Crawley Indoor event in the larger venue, the Flight Challenge and the Scale day, all of which need more support from members in the Area. My apologies for not being very active during the year due to medical problems and having to rely heavily on my Vice Chairman and Secretary for support, they both having deputised for me during my incapacity, for which I am very grateful. Luckily I am now cleared by my Surgeon to resume normal activities.

2. Apologies for absence: John Richardson; Alex Cameron; Pete Cameron and Colin McGinn.

3. Minutes of the 2006 AGM were read and approved unanimously (proposed by Bob Hart, seconded by Michael Riggs).

4. Matters arising: none.

5. Officers' reports:

- Vice Chairman: during the year, Area had been represented at the Free Flight Presentation Evening and at the Scale Day at Bickley.
- Treasurer: the audited accounts for the financial year ended 31.3.2007 showed a surplus of income over expenditure, despite paying for the Ashdown Forest licence once more and there was a remaining credit balance of £2,426. There had been a general increase in all types of expenses throughout the year. Approval of the accounts was agreed unanimously (proposed by Michael Riggs, seconded by Richard Ware). The detailed reports are attached.
- Secretary: there were 62 clubs registered in the Area as at 20.10.2007. The Secretary will seek to be replaced at this AGM and will not continue beyond the next Ordinary Meeting in January.
- Council Delegate: all the Full and Areas' Council Meetings except one had been attended this year. A replacement delegate was requested.
- Public Relations Officer: absent and no report submitted.
- Education Co-ordinator: despite follow up and encouragement, only one school in Area took part in the Flight Challenge at Duxford. Four other schools have been visited for sessions with the Dart building and flying and a Cub Scout group will soon begin aeromodelling activity. The full report is attached.
- Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator: all requests for tests have been met during a steady year. There are ten Chief Examiners (details attached hereto) for ratification by the BMFA. There has been no negative feedback. Examiners should but have submitted

- annual reports but have not. It was proposed by Bob Hart, seconded by Rick Stevens and carried unanimously that the ten should be re-ratified. There will be a meeting of Area Co-ordinators in February. It would be interesting to know of the number of tests passed compared to non-passes.
- Webmaster: absent and no report submitted.
- Free Flight Competition Secretary: absent, no report submitted.
- Helicopter Representative: absent, no report submitted.

6. Election of Officers:

The following stood for election:

Vice Chairman – Keith Miller was proposed by Ian Menage, seconded by Michael Riggs;

Treasurer - Keith Miller was proposed by Bob Hart, seconded by Stuart Taylor;

Free Flight Competition Secretary - ***Michael Cook (in his absence), to be ratified;***

Auditor 12 - Martin Stagg was proposed by Keith Miller, seconded by Bob Hart and all were duly elected unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed as a correct record:

Chairman: R Cutter

Date: